

the CRF Sequence Listing that accompanied the December 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment was “melted.” The December 9<sup>th</sup> Amendment was addressed to BOX SEQUENCE LISTING (Arlington, Virginia 22202) and the disk was not melted when it was placed in the United States post on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Applicants note that this is at least the second instance in which the disk bearing the CRF Sequence Listing has been destroyed, despite applicants’ compliance with the rule requiring sequence listing submission to be sent to the Arlington, Virginia address.

**Because of this repeated difficulty, the applicants have submitted the CRF Sequence Listing by EFS, on March 5, 2003. A copy of the Acknowledgement Receipt generated by this transaction, and a copy of the Transmittal Form that accompanied it are closed hereto. The disk submitted herewith is a duplicate of the EFS submission.**

This Sequence Listing (both paper and computer readable form (disk and EFS submission)) is identical to that submitted to the PTO by way of the Amendment and Response filed by applicants on each of December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2002 and September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002; the remarks and comments related to the Sequence Listing made in the September 5<sup>th</sup> and the December 9<sup>th</sup> submission are incorporated herein by reference.

A newly-executed Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 *et seq.* and a copy of the Notice to Comply are also provided, as requested by the Examiner in Paper No. 25.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of the invention are fully compliant with the requirements related to applications containing sequence disclosures. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: *Substitute Sequence Listing (paper and duplicate computer readable)*  
*(dated March 6, 2002)*  
*Copy of Acknowledgement Receipt and Transmittal Form*  
*Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 et seq. (3)*  
*Copy of Notice to Comply*  
*Extension of Time (three months)*